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DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/CE CHESTER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, NATO, BQG, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: DECEMBER 1977 QUADRIpartite MEETING: BERLIN
AND GERMANY ASPECTS

REFS: A) BRUSSELS 17382; B) STATE 285088

1. AT NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1 BONN GROUP MEETINGS,
WE WERE INFORMED OF CERTAIN DETAILS WHICH SUPPLEMENT
THOSE IN REF A REGARDING THE QUADRIpartite MEETING.

2. POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING: A) THE MEETING WILL
BE AT THE OFFICE OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO NATO IN
EVERE. IT WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 A.M. AND WILL BE CHAIRED
INITIALLY BY ANDREANI UNTIL ABOUT 1:00 P.M., AT WHICH
TIME MERILLON WILL ARRIVE AND CHAIR THE MEETING.

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B) THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE FRENCH, UK AND FRG
ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING:

-- FRENCH: POLITICAL DIRECTOR JEAN-MARIE MERILLON;
DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE JACQUES ANDREANI; DEPUTY DIRECTOR
FOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS FRANCOIS PLAISANT; AND
BONN GROUP REP ALAIN RICHARD.

-- BRITISH (TENTATIVE): POLITICAL DIRECTOR REGINALD HIBBERT; HEAD OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT DAVID GOODALL; AND BONN GROUP REP PATRICK EYERS.

-- GERMAN: POLITICAL DIRECTOR KLAUS BLECH; DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF BERLIN AND ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS WILHELM LUECKING; AND BONN GROUP REP GEROLD VON BRAUNMUEHL.

C) WITH RESPECT TO THE AGENDA, IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERATION OF THE PAPERS WHICH THE BONN GROUP HAS PREPARED AND A DISCUSSION OF INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS, THE CONSENSUS IN THE BONN GROUP IS THAT THREE TOPICS CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE RAISED UNDER THE HEADING OF OTHER ITEMS. THOSE ARE NARCOTICS IN BERLIN, ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES (ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EXTENSION OF LEGISLATION TO BERLIN) AND THE QUESTION OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION (NATIONALSTIFTUNG). WE ASKED RICHARD WHETHER THE GDR/US CONSULAR CONVENTION MIGHT BE RAISED. HE SAID HE HAD NO INDICATION THAT IT WOULD.

3. QUADRIpartite DINNER:

A) IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FRENCH, FRG AND UK OFFICIALS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE DINNER:
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-- FRENCH: FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD; QUAI PRESS SPOKESMAN LOUIS DE LA MARE; FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM FRANCIS HURE (WHO WILL BE HOST AT THE SECOND TABLE); AND PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER BENOIT D'ABORVILLE.

-- BRITISH: SECRETARY OF STATE OWEN; PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE SECRETARY EWAN FERGUSON; AND HEAD OF THE FCO NEWS DEPARTMENT HAMM WHYTE.

-- GERMAN: STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL (IN PLACE OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, WHO IS ILL); MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS SECTION SUDHOFF; AND VAN WELL'S PRIVATE SECRETARY VON STUDNITZ.

B) THE QUESTION OF NOTETAKERS HAS AGAIN BEEN RAISED. THE FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO HAVE NOTETAKERS AT THE MINISTERS' TABLE BUT ONLY IF THERE IS ONE PER DELEGATION. VAN WELL PREFERS TO HAVE A SINGLE NOTE-TAKER AND THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH WELL-ESTABLISHED PRACTICE, HE SHOULD BE JAMES DOBBINS FROM THE

DEPARTMENT. THE REASON FOR THE FRG PREFERENCE IS THAT
THERE SHOULD BE A SINGLE TEXT OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED

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AND AGREED AND THAT IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. THE FRENCH, AS HOSTS, REPORTEDLY CANNOT
ACCEPT AN AMERICAN AS THE SOLE NOTETAKER AND ARE
INSISTENT ON FOUR NOTETAKERS. EYERS TOLD THE BONN
GROUP THAT HE WAS UNINSTRUCTED ON THE POINT BUT
UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FCO WOULD PREFER A SINGLE
NOTETAKER.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, AND IN RESPONSE TO
REF B, EMBASSY BONN'S REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE JAMES C.

WHITLOCK. FURTHER IN RESPONSE TO REF B, WE INFORMED
BONN GROUP NOVEMBER 30 OF US DESIRE TO INCLUDE NARCOTICS
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IN BERLIN ON AGENDA FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING.
SINCE WE ASSUME THAT OTHER CAPITALS ARE LESS WELL-
INFORMED ABOUT PROBLEM THAN IS THE DEPARTMENT, WE
PROVIDED AS NON-PAPERS IN THE BONN GROUP COPIES OF
PARAGRAPHS 2 THROUGH 13 OF USBER 2791 AND PARAGRAPHS
1 THROUGH 6 OF BONN 19240.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: A) FULL LIST AND PRECEDENCE OF US DELEGATION
TO MEETING ON BERLIN, INCLUDING NAMES OF ADDITIONAL
OFFICERS FOR QUADRIpartite DINNER (REF B). B)
DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE REGARDING NOTETAKERS.
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